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**REAFFIRMATION OF CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 7-299542, filed in Japan on November 17, 1995; Japanese Patent Application No. 7-311993, filed in Japan on November 30, 1995; Japanese Patent Application No. 7-314195, filed in Japan on December 1, 1995; and PCT/JP96/03365, filed November 15, 1996.

The certified copies of the above-referred to Japanese Patent Application were filed in PCT application JP96/03365 on November 15, 1996.

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